



SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*We Are Sachem*

# Our Story

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## Student Spotlight

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### National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Two Sachem High School students were named semifinalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Adrian Dayao from High School East and Jacob Flores Zeranski from High School North.

Adrian and Jacob are among the approximately 16,000 academically talented high school seniors to score exceptionally high on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and be named semifinalists. This pool of students represents less than 1% of high school seniors across the nation and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. More than 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, where they will compete for scholarship money totaling nearly \$28 million.

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## Featured News

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Sachem students were excited to kick off the 2023-2024 school year on Sept. 6. Upon arrival at their schools, students were greeted by their teachers and administrators and reconnected with old friends. Throughout the day, they were engaged in activities and excited to be back in the classroom. We look forward to a wonderful year with many learning opportunities ahead!

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High School North kicked off homecoming weekend with a pep rally on Sept. 22. Each of the fall season teams were introduced before the student body. The varsity football team was the last to enter the gymnasium, bringing the excitement for its homecoming game on Saturday. Although the pre-game festivities were postponed due to weather, the day was still a success, as the Sachem North football team beat Brentwood, 21-0.

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Students and staff across the district honored the lives lost and all those impacted by the tragic events of 9/11. High School North hosted its annual Patriot Day ceremony. School and district leaders, elected officials, local firefighters, students and Sachem community members gathered inside the little theater to remember and reflect.

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Elementary schools across Sachem celebrated International Dot Day on Sept. 15. The day is based on the book, "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds and is a community celebration of art and creativity. It encourages students to "make their mark" and see where it takes them. Many classrooms across Sachem read the book before participating in art projects.

Students at Wenonah Elementary School kicked off the year with a schoolwide art collaboration. On their first day of art class with Ms. Hannah Douglas, every student created one piece of a flower. Each individual piece was then put together to create a mural displayed in the building's main hallway. The project represents how every student in Wenonah Elementary School is learning and growing together.



Our Sachem Family is committed to creating a Culture of Care throughout our community. All of our students, staff and families are welcomed and cared for in our schools. Across our buildings, students and staff are involved in a great many projects, activities and lessons that reinforce our Culture of Care.



Sagamore Middle School kicked off the school year by asking eighth graders one simple question – "What is your hope?" Students wrote down their hopes on Post-it notes, which were then displayed on a bulletin board in the cafeteria. The activity inspired the students to set goals, start the year on a high note and reinforced the Culture of Care existing throughout Sachem.

Bulletin boards in the halls of Seneca Middle School remind students that they are safe, loved and cared for in school. This board emphasizes Seneca's motto, "Be Kind, Be Honest, Be Humble, Be Your Best."



## Sachem Student Wins Operation Safe Stop Poster Contest



Sachem student Jeferson Martinez-Lopez recently won Suffolk County Legislator Nick Caracappa's Operation Safe Stop Poster Contest and was recognized by the Board of Education for his work in promoting school bus safety.

Operation Safe Stop is a statewide initiative to educate communities and stop drivers from passing a school bus when its red lights are flashing. Hundreds of elementary students from across the fourth legislative district took part in the poster contest and Jeferson's design was named the winner. The district went on to further promote school bus safety by including Jeferson's designs on magnets and reusable shopping bags.

Thank you for sharing your

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## Board of Education

The Board of Education is composed of nine community members elected by district residents to serve overlapping three-year terms of office. The Board has the responsibility to ensure that all students receive the best education possible, as well as to express and represent the views of the community in matters affecting education.



### Upcoming Meetings

**Oct. 11, 2023**

**Will be livestreamed on our YouTube and held in person.**

**7:00pm**

**Oct. 25, 2023**

**Will be livestreamed on our YouTube and held in person.**

**7:00pm**

[Click Here to View All Agendas and Minutes](#)

## Mission Statement

The Sachem Family (students, parents, employees and residents) works interdependently to develop leaders of great character who are highly competent, confident and caring. Most importantly we are motivating our students to become the best possible version of themselves.

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